Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, All citizens desire and deserve the opportunity to participate meaningfully in all aspects of their community, including their neighborhood, the workplace, and the schools; and,

Whereas, Our communities can grow closer through education, awareness, and understanding, and benefit from recognizing not only each other's abilities, but our commonalities and differences; and,

Whereas, Our communities need to be made more aware of the capabilities of, and provide opportunities for, individuals with developmental disabilities to be part of their communities; and,

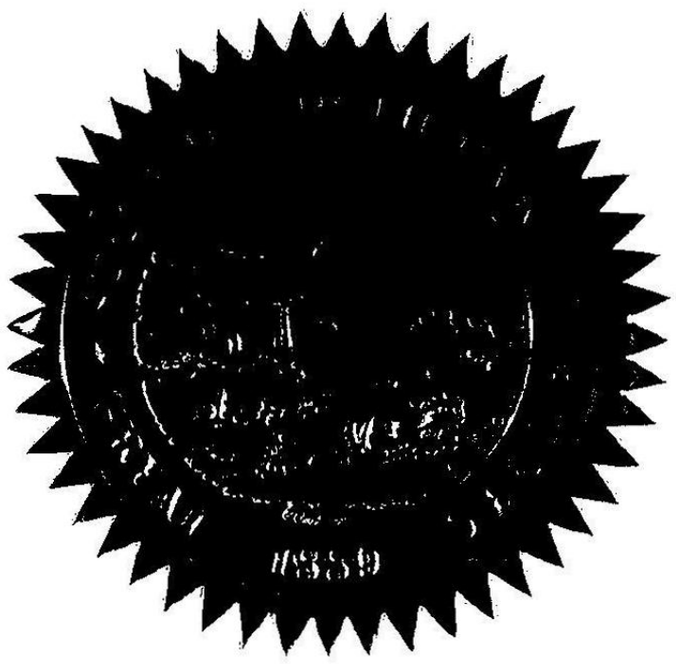
Whereas, It is in the public's interest to offer individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to make decisions for themselves and to live and work in our communities where they can exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens; and,

Whereas, Individuals with developmental disabilities deserve nothing less:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe the month by participating in appropriate programs and activities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State